PART 2

WHY DOES SHE LOOK LIKE THAT!?
THAT BRAT NOW WIELDS THE RABBIT KING'S POWER!
HER PHYSICAL STRENGTH ALONE IS ABOUT 500 TIMES GREATER THAN A NORMAL HUMAN'S...!
IS THAT THE MOON FLOATING OVER THERE...!?
It's shaped kinda weird though...
WHAT'S GOING ON!? IT SUDDENLY BECAME NIGHT!!
WH... WHO IS THAT...!?
A BUNNY COSTUME...!?
MAKABE-CHIN!!
NOW, LET'S FIGHT,

UP THERE IN THE SKY IS THE RABBIT'S SATELLITE, SATERABBIT...!
THAT THING CAN INSTANTLY CHANGE DAY INTO NIGHT! AFTER ALL, THE FULL MOON ALLOWS TOHOU TO MANIFEST MAXIMUM POWER...!
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT? A BEAST KING'S POWER CAN EVEN ROTATE THE EARTH...!
STILL, A BATTLE WITH HIM WOULD LEAVE ME AS THE VICTOR!
DO YOU FINALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT A GREAT THING YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED...!?
COME ON, MAKABE-CHIN! LET'S FIGHT ALREADY!
WEREN'T YOU GRANTED POWER BY THE SNAKE KING TOO!?
WHAT'S THE MATTER? ANSWER HER...
YOU BETTER HURRY UP OR SHE'LL CRUSH YOU! YOU'LL GO SPLAT, LIKE AN INSECT...!! KU KU KU...

I SEE, MAKABE-CHIN! YOU'RE SO NICE!
YOU DON'T WANT TO FIGHT HERE AT SCHOOL, RIGHT!?
THEN LET'S GO SOMEWHERE ELSE!
HOW ABOUT OVER THERE?
ON TOP OF THAT TOWER!
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU!
EGI-
AND YOU BETTER COME! OR ELSE...
I'M GONNA FIRE THESE
AND BLOW UP THE WHOLE TOWN!!

I MEAN IT!
I'LL BE WAITING, 'KAY?

KU KU KU!
MAKABE-SAMA, ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?
THE SCHOOL'S DESTROYED! IS ANYONE HURT!?
WHO WAS THAT IN THE BUNNY COSTUME!?
IT'S ALREADY NIGHT! CAN WE GO HOME!?
SHE'LL COME TEARING AFTER YOU FOR A FIGHT.
DON'T THINK YOU'RE OFF THE HOOK YET! WHEREVER YOU RUN...
THAT BRAT- OR RABBIT- IS A CRAZIER SHREW THAN I THOUGHT.
I'LL GET TO SEE YOU BROUGHT DOWN LOW...!
I'M FINE WITH THAT! IF YOU ABANDON YOUR TOWN, YOU'LL BE SHOWING YOUR TRUE COLORS.
THEN AGAIN, THIS TOWN'S SCREWED IF YOU RUN AWAY.
YOUR MAJESTY...
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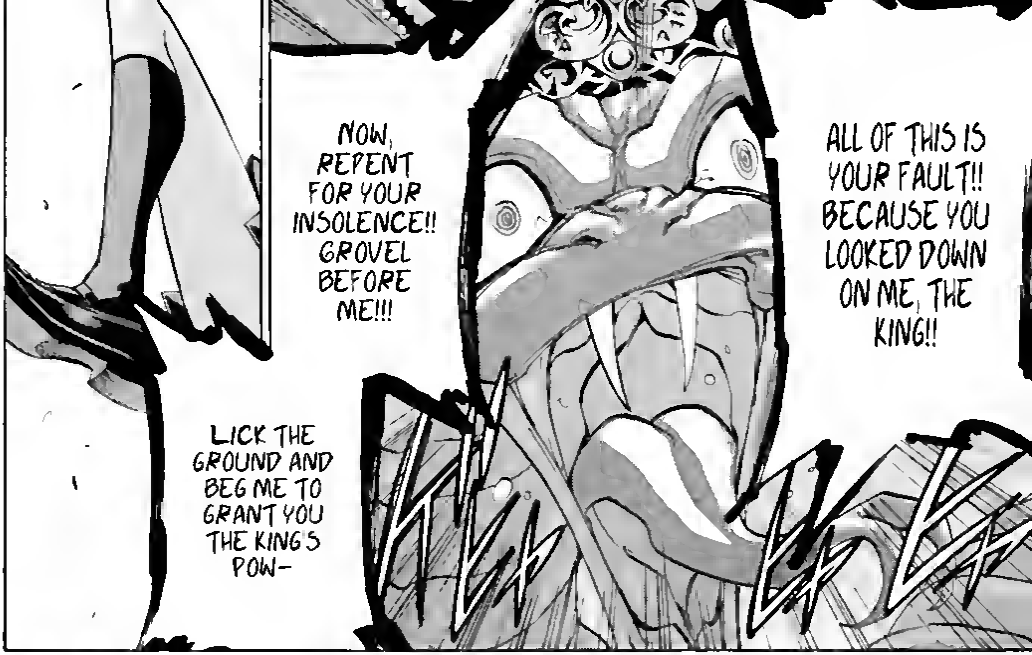
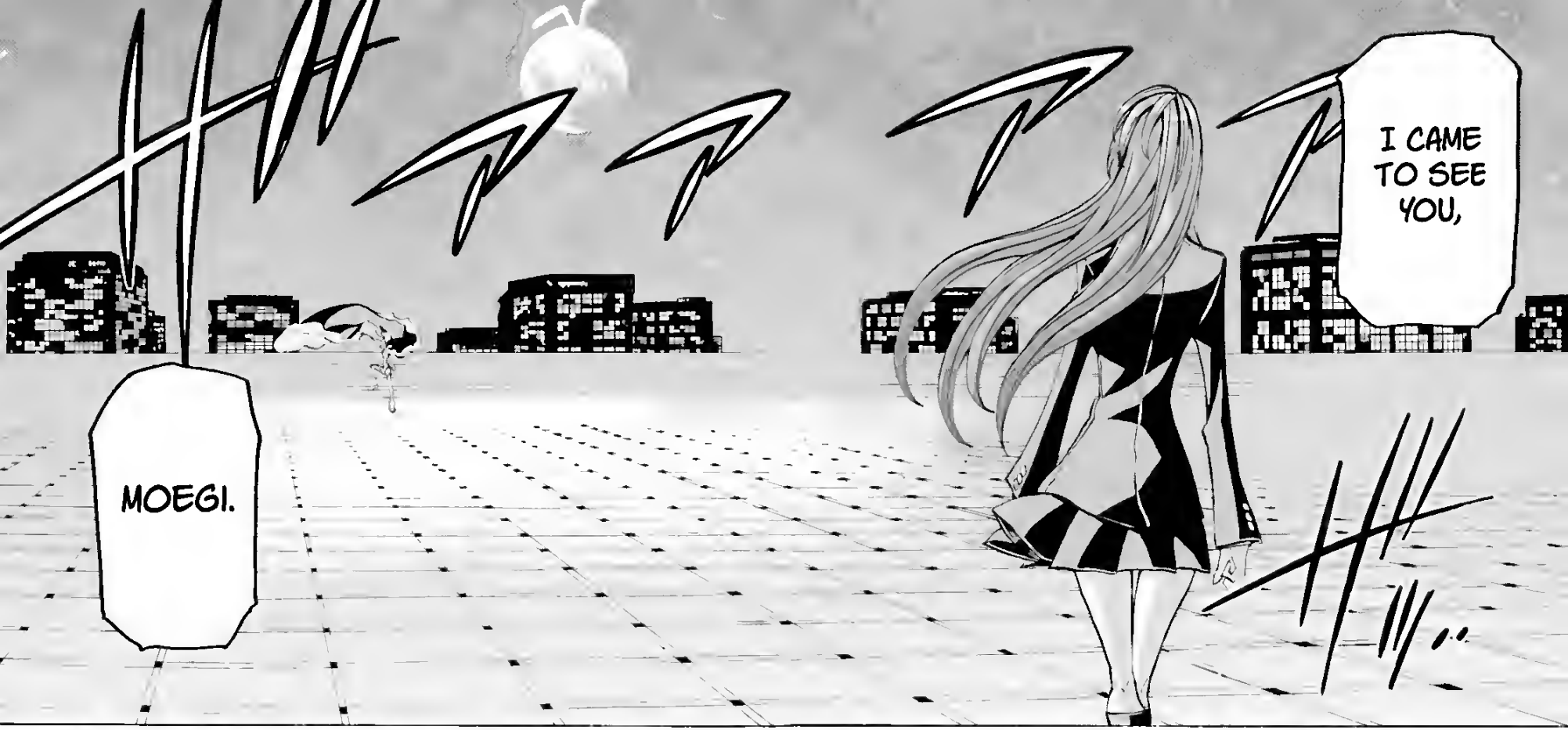

ALL OF THIS IS YOUR FAULT!! BECAUSE YOU LOOKED DOWN ON ME, THE KING!!
NOW, REPENT FOR YOUR INSOLENCE!! GROVEL BEFORE ME!!!
LICK THE GROUND AND BEG ME TO GRANT YOU THE KING'S POW-

ERGH!!?

YOU ARE UNFIT TO BE KING...!


I CAME TO SEE YOU,
MOEGI.

SHALL WE HAVE A LITTLE CHAT?
MOEGI,
I CAME ALONE.
WHERE'S THE SNAKE?
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BUT IT *WAS* A LONG WALK HERE.
About three kilometers.
I'M SORRY,
MAKABE-CHIN!
TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH,

BE CAREFUL, MOEGI! THE SNAKE KING COULD BE LURKING ANYWHERE!
HE'S A CRAFTY ONE...!
!?
...WHAT...!?
BUT I DIDN'T COME TO FIGHT.
SO BE A GOOD GIRL AND TALK TO ME, OKAY?
I SAID WE'LL FIGHT!
I DON'T WANT TO TALK!
GOOD-NESS...!
WHOEVER SAID THAT?
IS IT BECAUSE I'M JUST YOUR APPENDAGE!?
SO I'M NOT EVEN WORTH FIGHTING TO YOU!?
I HAVE NEVER...
THOUGHT THAT IN MY ENTIRE LIFE!!
YOU THINK SO TOO, DON'T YOU, MAKABE-CHIN!?
EVERYONE! EVERYONE SAYS IT!!

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THEN WHY!?
WHY WHY WHY
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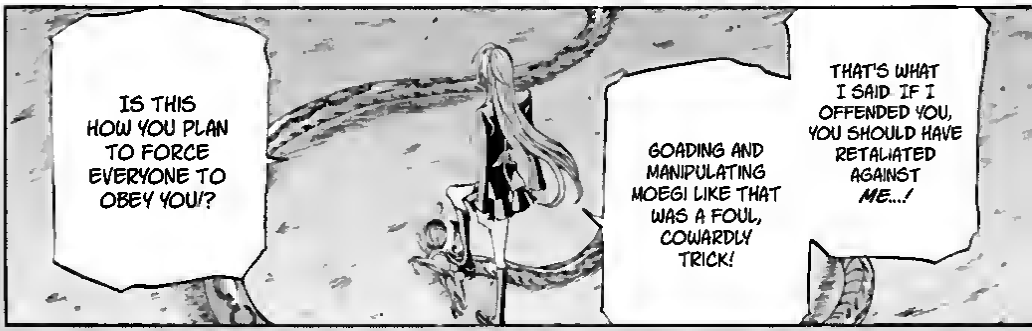
WHY WON'T YOU FIGHT ME!!?
IF YOU DON'T, YOUR PROXY WILL BE...
HURRY AND SHOW YOURSELF, JAOU!!

BLASTED
INTO PIECES...!!

UNFIT TO BE KING... ME...!?


IS THIS HOW YOU PLAN TO FORCE EVERYONE TO OBEY YOU!?
GOADING AND MANIPULATING MOEGI LIKE THAT WAS A FOUL, COWARDLY TRICK!
THAT'S WHAT I SAID IF I OFFENDED YOU, YOU SHOULD HAVE RETALIATED AGAINST ME...!

THAT'S THE SNAKE KING'S WAY... MY WAY OF DOING THINGS!!
I'VE ALWAYS DONE WHATEVER IT TAKES TO MAKE SCUM BOW TO ME...!
GH... GAH... SHUT UP! WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT...!?

IF YOU CONQUER THE WORLD THAT WAY...
WILL ANYONE TRULY SWEAR LOYALTY TO YOU...?
WHO WILL RECOGNIZE YOU AS THEIR KING...!?

A KING IS WORTH HIS TITLE ONLY WHEN THE PEOPLE FOLLOW WILLINGLY.!
A KING WHO STANDS ALONE ISN'T A TRUE KING, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?
YOU, WHO WILL NOT REACH ANYONE'S HEART...
MA...!
WHO CANNOT REACH ANYONE'S HEART...

YOU ARE NOT WORTHY...
TO BE CALLED A KING...!!
...YOU *TRYING* TO GET YOURSELF KILLED?

AFTER POMPOUSLY LECTURING ME BACK THERE,
YOU DARE TO FACE A BEAST KING UNARMED...!
I CAN'T TELL IF YOU HAD A PLAN OR NOT...
YOU'RE MORE SLIPPERY THAN A SNAKE!
I'M GONNA MAKE YOU ADMIT THAT I'M WORTHY TO BE KING...
I CAN'T LET YOU DIE RIGHT AFTER MAKING A FOOL OUTTA ME...!
I'VE DECIDED, GIRL!
'CAUSE I'M ONLY SAYING THIS ONCE...
SO LISTEN UP.
THROUGH *YOUR* WAY...!

PLEASE LEND ME YOUR POWER...!!
THERE, I SAID "PLEASE," YOU IDIOT!!!

IT WOULD BE MY PLEASURE,
YOUR MAJESTY...!

MAKABE-CHIN...!
THE SNAKE KING! SO HE WAS HIDING!
KEH! SPARE ME YOUR BULLSHIT, GIRL...
I KNEW YOU WOULD SAVE ME.
THAT'S WHY I WASN'T AFRAID TO COME HERE
UFUFU! YOUR MAJESTY,
IT'S RYOKO.
!
MY NAME ISN'T "GIRL," YOUR MAJESTY.
KEH!
ALRIGHT, RYOKO! HERE'S THE DEAL...
DON'T FORGET IT.
MAKABE RYOKO...

THAT BRAT IS INTOXICATED BY THE KING'S POWER. SHE'S BASICALLY HIGH...
AT THIS POINT, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT SHE'LL DO.
SO WE NEED TO PULL HER AND THE RABBIT APART...!
WITH SOMETHING THAT STINGS...!
!
WHEW...
I'M NOT VERY KEEN ON THIS, BUT I SUPPOSE I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE...
AFTER ALL, A NAUGHTY CHILD
MUST BE DISCIPLINED.

THE WHIP OF LOVE!!
THIS IS MORE OR LESS
YOU MEAN A SNAKE WHIP!
DISCIPLINE!? OKAY!!
BRING IT ON, MAKABE-CHIN!!

LOOK OUT, MOEGI!
THAT'S NO ORDINARY WHIP...!!

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THE WHIP IS FLYING EVERYWHERE!!
WHAT THE...!?

THE SNAKE WHIP, JORMUN-GAND...!!
A VOLATILE LASH WITH A WILL OF ITS OWN!!
!!

READING ITS PATH IS NIGH IMPOSSIBLE...!!
IT DEFIES THE LAWS OF PHYSICS AND HAPHAZARDLY FLIES ABOUT!!
SHAME ON YOU.
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, EVEN I CAN'T FOLLOW IT!!
TCH!

BUT IF YOU CAN'T SEE IT COMING,
YOU CAN'T EVADE IT!!!
EEEEEEEEE!!
AGH!
YEEEK!
YOW!
OW!

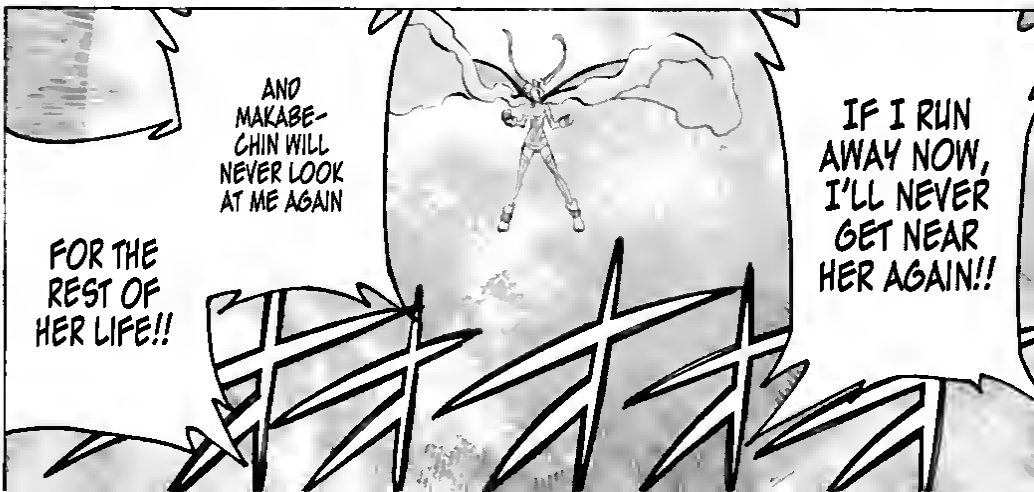
M... MOEGI...!
UGIGIGIG!!!... IT HURTS...!
THE DAMN RABBIT'S COMPLETELY IMMOBILIZED!!
GYAHAHA! NOT BAD, RYOKO!!
AND ON TOP OF THAT... IS THIS A COINCIDENCE, OR ON PURPOSE?
I DIDN'T EXPECT JAOU'S WHIP TO GIVE US SUCH TROUBLE!
IS IT A COINCI-DENCE...?
THAT ASIDE, SOMETHING'S BOTHERING ME...
AND UPON DAMPING ITS FORCE, SHE STRIKES TENACIOUSLY... PRECISELY...
SHE'S REFLECTING THE WHIP COUNTLESS TIMES OFF THE SURROUNDING OBSTACLES...

YEEEGH!
FOR HER BOTTOM...!!?
ALWAYS AIMING
MUST BE SPANKY-SPANKED.
A NAUGHTY CHILD

H-HELL YEAH! GO RYOKO!!
NO FUCKING WAY! THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL AN AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL GIRL CAN MASTER THAT FICKLE SNAKE WHIP! IT'S GOTTA BE A COINCIDENCE! SHIT, SHE HAD ME THERE FOR A SECOND! HOORAY FOR FLUKES!
UWAAAHHH!
WE SHOULD RETREAT FOR NOW!!
TH-THIS IS BAD, MOEGI...!
THEY'RE TOO STRONG... OR RATHER, THE MATCHUP IS BAD!!
NO...!
.....!
AS LONG AS THAT WHIP IS OUT, SHE'S UNREACH-ABLE...!

I DON'T WANT HER TO BE UNREACHABLE!!
I HAVE TO REACH MAKABE-CHIN!!

SHH!
HA, THAT IDIOT! SHE'S FULL OF OPENINGS! SWAT HER OUT OF THE SKY!!


IF I RUN AWAY NOW, I'LL NEVER GET NEAR HER AGAIN!!
AND MAKABE-CHIN WILL NEVER LOOK AT ME AGAIN
FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE!!

METEOR MOON!!
SO I...
I...!!
SHE'LL NEVER
ACCEPT ME!

TCH...! GET OUTTA HERE! THAT BLAST WILL OBLITERATE THE WHOLE AREA!!
NO, YOUR MAJESTY!
WE'LL RETURN FIRE...
AT FULL POWER...!
WE HAVE A SIMILAR SKILL, DON'T WE?
TCH! IT'S ALL ON YOU!!

I HAVE
TO WIN...!!!

MOEGI...!
PYTHON
WHIP!!
I'VE HEARD YOUR FEELINGS...!
AND I ACCEPT THEM!!

I KNEW I COULDN'T WIN...
AHH, I KNEW IT...

AND ONLY LOOK AT ME... LIKE THE WAY THINGS USED TO BE...
I THOUGHT IF I WON, MAKABE-CHIN WOULD SEE ME AS AN EQUAL...

I COULDN'T GET CLOSER TO MAKABE-CHIN...
IN THE END, I FAILED...

MOEGI...!
MOEGI...
I'M SORRY...
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MA... KABE...
CHIN...
I'M SO SORRY...!
AND HOW LONELY I MADE YOU...
I NEVER NOTICED HOW SCARED YOU WERE...

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IF ANYTHING HAPPENS AGAIN, COME TALK TO ME.
SO PLEASE, MOEGI...
FROM NOW ON, WE'LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER...!
BECAUSE IF MY BEST FRIEND CAN'T EVEN SHARE HER WORRIES WITH ME,
I MIGHT BECOME LONELY AND DIE LIKE A RABBIT MYSELF...!
MA... KABE...
CHIN... HIC...
SNIFF... HIC...
BEST FRIEND

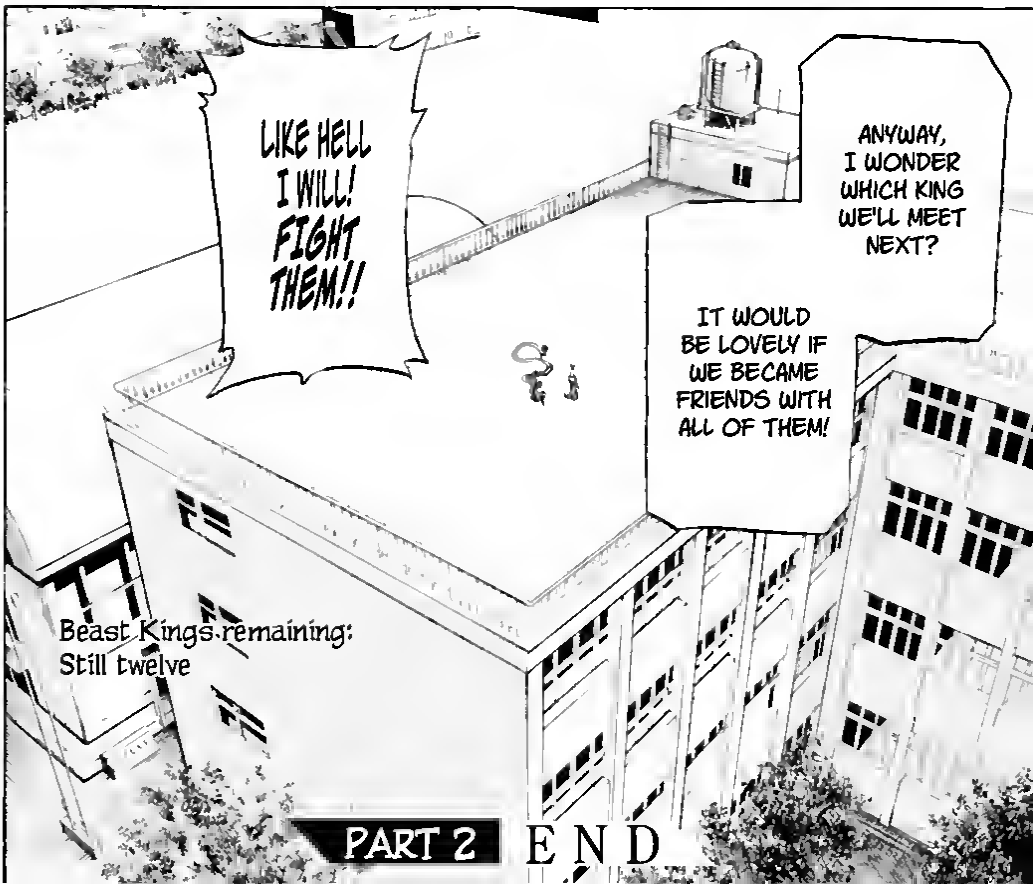
I LOVE YOU...
MAKABE-CHIN...!
AHH!!
I LOVE YOU TOO...
FUFU...
OI!
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE, PUNK.
ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL, I SUPPOSE.
OH, MOEGI...
YOU'RE NOT ALONE ANYMORE...

The next day
NO ONE GOT HURT IN THE COMMOTION YESTERDAY.
WHAT A RELIEF.
...IN THE END,
I WAS REALLY WOUND UP, SO I DON'T REMEMBER EVERYTHING...
THE BUILDINGS GOT FIXED, BUT WHO KNOWS WHAT WOULD'VE HAPPENED IF PEOPLE WERE HURT...
THE SMASHED BUILDINGS WERE RESTORED LIKE MAGIC, TOO...
FUFU, ISN'T THAT STRANGE?
HEY...
THIS AIN'T RIGHT...
LIKE MOEGI SAID, ONLY THE DESTRUCTION OF NON-LIVING THINGS SEEMS TO BE UNDONE.
IT'S PROBABLY A SAFEGUARD TO PREVENT TOO MUCH COLLATERAL DAMAGE ON THE SURFACE.
They didn't have this service five thousand years ago

WELL, MOEGI AND MAKABE SAID I COULD STAY.
BESIDES, I'LL DIE IF I GET LONELY!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE!!?
HOW COULD I DO SUCH A THING TO THIS ADORABLE RABBIT KING?
I REFUSE, YOUR MAJESTY.
RYOKO! FINISH HIM OFF!!
GOOO! HURRY UP AND KICK THE BUCKET!! YOU LOST TO ME!!
I HAVEN'T MADE PEACE WITH HIM!!
And who would you discuss it with?
BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME KINGS HAVE MADE PEACE WITH EACH OTHER. SURELY IT MUST BE OPEN FOR DISCUSSION?
DEFEATED KINGS REVERT INTO SOULS AND GET LOCKED IN PRISON IN THE WORLD OF GODS!!
DON'T GIVE ME THAT SHIT! HOW DO WE DECIDE THE WINNERS AND LOSERS THEN!?
IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, YOU CAN GO SOMEWHERE ELSE.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
COME NOW, YOUR MAJESTY! WHY DON'T WE ALL GET ALONG?
A TRUE KING MUST OPEN HIS HEART AS WIDE AS THE SEA!
They really piss me off.

YOUR MAJESTY?
YOU *ARE* GOING TO SHOW ME YOUR KINGLY SIDE, REMEMBER?

AND WHEN THAT TIME COMES, YOU *WILL* OBEY ME!!
I'LL MAKE YOU ADMIT THAT I'M FIT TO BE KING...!
GUH... DAMN RIGHT!


LIKE HELL I WILL! *FIGHT THEM!!*
ANYWAY, I WONDER WHICH KING WE'LL MEET NEXT?
IT WOULD BE LOVELY IF WE BECAME FRIENDS WITH ALL OF THEM!
Beast Kings remaining:
Still twelve
PART 2 END